



News Release

January Livestock Surveys

During the first two weeks of January, the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office will be conducting three surveys: the Cattle Report, the Sheep and Goat Report, and the Milk Production Report. Over 1,500 Michigan operators will be asked to provide information about their livestock operations. These data will be used to estimate Michigan's cattle inventory, sheep and goat inventory, and milk production.

Most selected farmers will receive a questionnaire in the mail. Producers not responding by mail or the Internet will be contacted by telephone or interviewed in person. Reporting by mail or on the Internet will eliminate the need for telephone or personal follow-up, thus keeping surveys costs to a minimum. Individual reports from farmers are kept confidential and only summarized to set county, state, and national estimates of livestock inventories and production.

Published estimates from these surveys will help keep all market participants equally informed. All reports are available on the Internet at www.nass.usda.gov. The Milk Production report will be available January 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. The Cattle report and the Sheep and Goat report will be available at 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 2015.